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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventor:  
**W. Thomas Novak**

For: **INTERFEROMETER SYSTEM FOR MEASURING A HEIGHT OF WAFER STAGE**

Assigned to: **Nikon Corporation**

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **21** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **7** Sheets of informal Drawings
- ☒ **2** Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
  - ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

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Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

|   | (Col. 1)<br>Total Claims |       | (Col. 2)<br>Claims | (Col. 3)<br>Present Extra | Rate    | Additional Fee |
|---|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------|
| TOTAL   | 21                       | MINUS | 20                 | = 1                       | x 18 =  | 18.00          |
| INDEP.  | 4                        | MINUS | 3                  | = 1                       | x 86 =  | 86.00          |
| [ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim    |                          |       |                    |                           | \$290 = |                |
| Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)             |                          |       |                    |                           | \$770 = | 770.00         |
| TOTAL   |                          |       |                    |                           |         | 874.00         |
| SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable) |                          |       |                    |                           |         |                |

- ☒ Check No. 8549 in the amount of \$914 is enclosed.
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

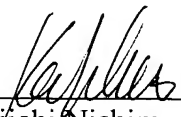
- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NIKOP037).

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